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## November Aerial Inspection Report

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Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 10:51 AM

To: Tonya Hammond &lt;tonya.snowcap@gmail.com&gt;

Good morning Tonya,

Hope all is going well. Brock was able to fly on Tuesday and get some aerial photos of the Roadside Mine. Attached is the Division's report for the aerial inspection conducted on November 14, 2023. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Clayton Wein**

**Environmental Protection Specialist**



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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-041 <b>Mine Name:</b> Roadside Portals <b>Operator:</b> Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. <b>Operator Address:</b> MS Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  NA
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> November 14, 2023 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 12:00 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> November 14, 2023 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 12:05		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Aerial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Clayton Wein  Brock Bowles	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Clayton Wein</i>  <b>Signature Date:</b> 11/16/2023		

**Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This report documents the Division's observations taken during an aerial inspection of the Roadside Mine. The inspection was completed on November 14, 2023. The photos taken during the inspection were taken by Brock Bowles of the Division. This report was written by Clayton Wein of the Division. No company representative was present for the inspection. The weather was clear with a temperature of 60° F. The ground conditions were dry.

**HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05**

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

During the inspection the landowner's trenches on Tract 70 were observed to be dry (Photo 1 and 2). There were no indications or recent water application to the area. The Tract 70 Mesa was stable with no erosional features identified.

The landowner has a trench located on the east and north portions of Tract 71 (Photo 3). Both portions of the trench were dry during the inspection. There was no evidence of recent water application within the trench.

The Carey Pit is located in the Southwestern corner of Tract 71 (Photo 4). The pit was dry at the time of the inspection. There was no indication of water being recently applied within the pit.

Located to the southwest of the Carey pit and outside and adjacent to the Roadside Mine permit boundary, Ute Water has completed constructing a new water storage reservoir (Photo 5). This impoundment is not associated with Snowcap Coal Company or the Roadside Mine.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:**

The TR-69 Repair area is located in the northern portion of Tract 71 (Photo 6). The TR-69 Repair Area is approximately 0.4 acres in size and is the remaining disturbance permitted at the Roadside Mine. In

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October of 2023 the landowner, Mr. Fontanari, bladed the reclamation within the TR-69 Repair Area. Please see the Division's October Inspection Report for more details. During this inspection, the Division observed that the disturbed boundary markers and straw waddles had been replaced. The operator had also re-graded the TR-69 repair area to approximate original contour. The repaired TR-69 Repair area was observed to be stable with no erosional concerns. Discussions with the operator indicated that the repaired TR-69 Repair Area will be reseeded in the first half of November. There were no impacts to the TR-69 Repair Area from Mr. Fontanari identified during this inspection.

During this inspection, Mr. Fontanari has continued to blade more portions of Tract 71. Tract 71 is currently within the Roadside Mine permit boundary. With the exception of the TR-69 Repair Area, the remainder of Tract 71 has no bonded disturbance or reclamation associated with the mine permit.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None**

**OTHER (SPECIFY): None**

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**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Note:** North is indicated in the following photos by a red arrow.



Photo 1: Mr. Fontanari's trenches on the northern part of tract 70 were dry. The trenches are located in the blue oval in the photo



Photo 2: Mr. Fontanari's trenches on the southern part of Tract 70 were dry. The trenches are located within the blue oval in the photo.

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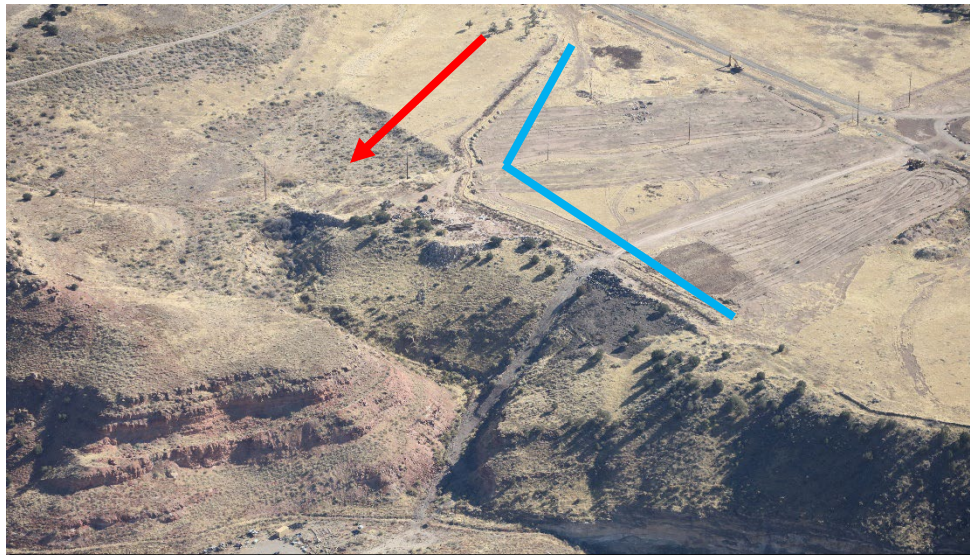


Photo 3: Mr. Fontanari's trench on the east and northern section of Tract 71 is marked by the adjacent blue line.

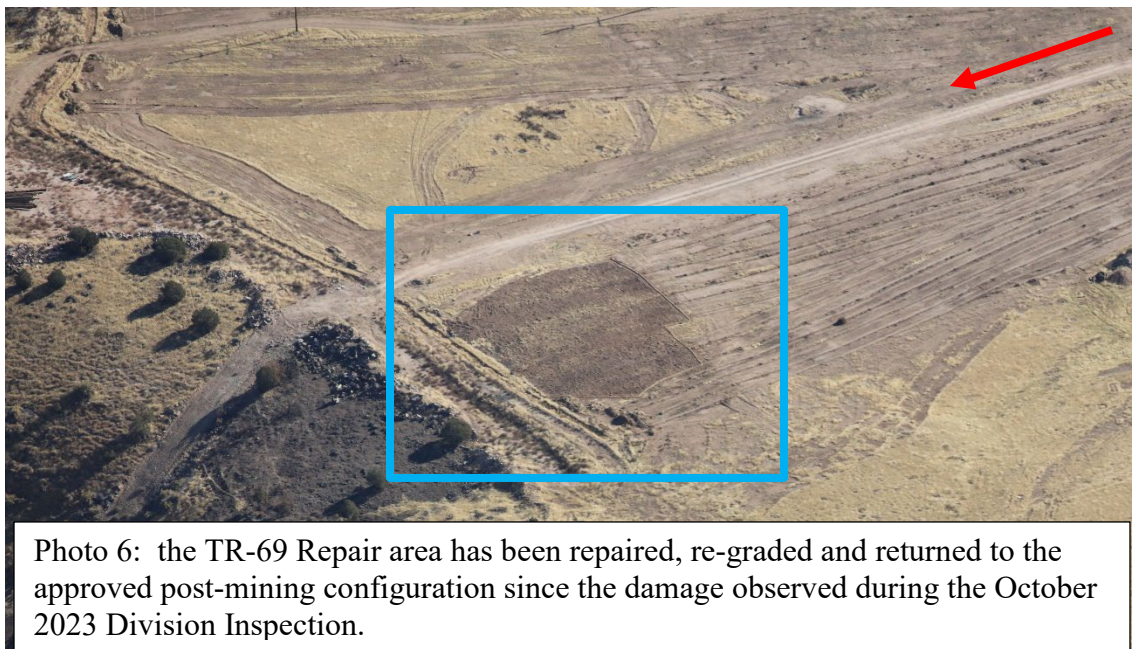
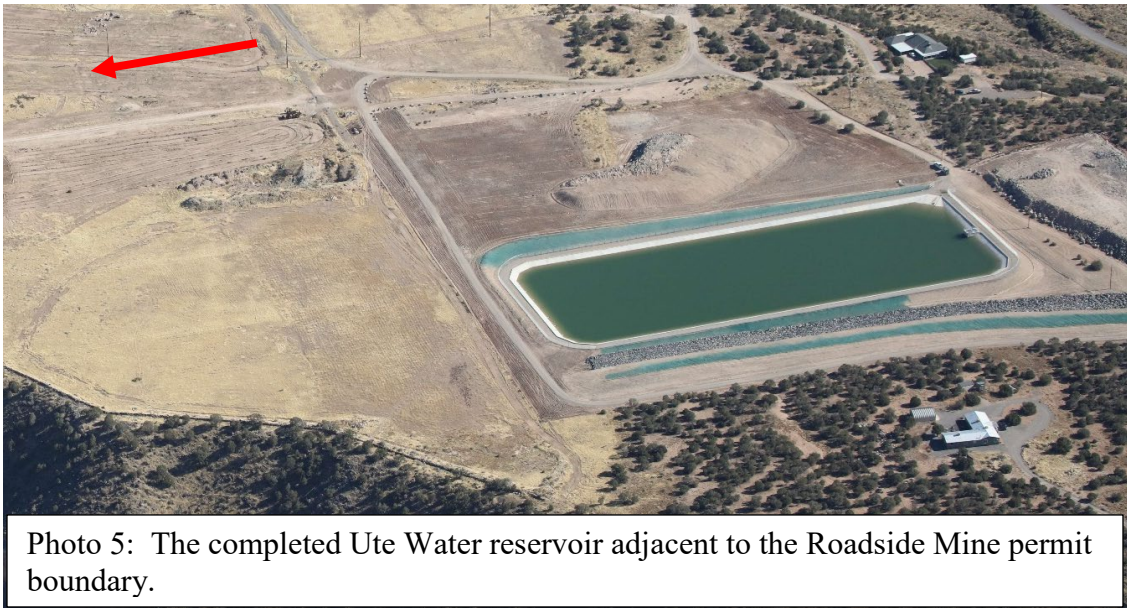


Photo 4: The Carey pit located in the southwest corner of Tract 71 outlined in blue in the photo above.

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